Deposits by NRIs' in Banks

947. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the trend of deposites by NRIs' in nationalised and other banks including foreign banks in India so far during the current year; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the deposits?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

विमान अनुरक्षण इंजीनियरों के आंदोलन के कारण विमानों को उड़ान से हटा लेना

948. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) एयर-इंडिया के कितने विमानों को इस समय उड़ानों से हटाया गया है;

(ख) इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि विमान अनुरक्षण इंजीनियरों द्वारा पिछले कुछ महीनों से एक अघोषित आंदोलन चलाया जा रहा है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनके आंदोलन के कारण क्या हैं और क्या स्थिति को सामान्य बनाने और विमानों के अनुरक्षण कार्य को सुचारू रूप से चलाने हेतु कोई कार्यवाही की गई है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० इब्राहिम): (क) और (ख) एयर इंडिया के विमान-बेड़े में सभी विमानों की सेवाओं का उपयोग किया जा रहा है ताकि वाणिज्यिक अनुसूचियों की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा किया जा सके।

(ग) और (घ) मजदूरी तथा भत्तों और सेवा शर्तों में संशोधन से संबंधित मामलों को लेकर एयर इंडिया एयरक्राफ्टस इंजीनियर्स एसोसिएशन द्वारा दिनांक 20-02-1996 से 21-03-1996 तक अघोषित आन्दोलन किया गया। इस मामले को हाल ही में निपटा लिया गया है।

Maintenance of Touritst Places in Punjab

949. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourist places in the State of Punjab are being maintained to attract the foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for which Government have not brought upto this level other tourist places in the country; and

(c) what necessary action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The maintenance of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State/U.T. Governments and central assistance is provided for the development of tourism infrastructure and product improvement on receipt of specific proposals from the State/U.T. Governments.

Gold Smuggling Despite Liberalisation of Gold Policy

950. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the liberalisation of gold policy has not stopped the smuggling of gold in the country;

(b) if so, what other steps are being considered in this regard;

(c) whether, it is a fact that gold worth Rs. 25 lakh was seized at Hyderabad Airport;

(d) whether gold worth Rs. 1 crore was seized on the international airport on 11th May, 1996;

(e) the total gold smuggled during 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(f) whether it is a fact that an amount of over Rs. 6000 crore in foreign ex-

change has gone out of the country through smuggling of gold?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to statistics of the contraband gold seized and intelligence reports pertaining to smuggling of gold there appears to be a decline in smuggling of gold. However, smuggling of gold is still being noticed and a definite trend regarding quantum of smuggling cannot be stated with certainty due to clandestine nature of smuggling activities.

(b) Anti smuggling agencies are maintaining high degree of alert to prvent and detect smuggling of gold.

(c) No such seizure has been reported. However, Customs Authorities have effected a seizure of contraband gold weighing 4.90 Kg. valued at Rs. 21.22 lakhs on 31-25-96 at Hyderabad Airport.

(d) No such seizure has been reported. However customs authorities at I.G.I Airport seized 13.11 Kg. of gold valued at Rs. 70.18 lakh on 11th May, 1996.

(e) Smuggling being a clandestine activity it is not possible to estimate the quantity of gold smuggled in the country during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96. However following quantities of gold have been seized while attempted to be smuggled into the country during the same period.

Year	Gold Seized (in Kgs.)
1994-95	1086
1995-96	1052

(f) Smuggling being a clandestine activity it is not possible to state quantum of foreign exchange smuggled out of India to finance gold smuggling into the country.

Objectives of the Board of Film Certification

951. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what were the objectives of the Board of Film Certification when it was first constituted;

(b) whether any changes have been made in these objectives keeping in view the increasing violence, vulgarity, obscenity, criminalisation and their impact on the coming generation;

(c) if so, the contents thereof and with what results;

(d) what is the criterion of appointment of members etc to this board;

(e) who are the members;

(f) whether the criteria for appointment of members of the Board have been kept fully in view while constituting the Board; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Film Certification has been set up under section 3 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 for the purpose of sanctioning films for public exhibition. The principles for guidance in certifying films are given in section 5(B) (1) of the Act. Detailed guidelines have also been issued to the Board under section 5B(2) of the Act. These guidelines are reviewed from time to time and revised to be in keeping with the changing mores of the society. According to the latest guidelines issued in 1991, the primary objectives of film certification will be to ensure that—

(a) the medium of the film remains responsible and sensitive to the values and standards of society;

(b) artistic expression and creative freedom are not unduly curbed;